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	Prior to 6 July 1953, the situation in Quedlinburg was normal. The airfield was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and the Harz Jugendheim was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black, blue-bordered black and black-bordered blue epaulets. Martial law had been lifted on 25 June.
X1A [Comment. The troops observed at the airfield presumably were elements of the 597th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div which arrived in Quedlinburg on 17 June and were to break the strike . The Harz Jugendheim, among other units, probably quartered signal units of the 138th Gds Sig Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army as previously.